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By order and direction of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), all individuals, places of work and businesses in B.C. must significantly reduce their level of social interactions and travel. Last updated: **November 19, 2020**

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### PHO order on province-wide restrictions

The order is in effect from November 19, 2020 at midnight to December 7, 2020 at midnight, at that point a new order will be pending and may or may not change.

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### Social gatherings and events

No social gatherings of **any size** with anyone other than your household or core bubble. For example:

- Do not invite friends or extended family to your household
- Do not host gathering outdoors
- Do not gather in your backyard
- Do not have playdates for children
- Seasonal activities

### Core bubble

For most people, their core bubble is their immediate household. For others, their core bubble may contain a partner, relative, friend or co-parent who lives in a different household. This should be a maximum of two people outside of those living in your immediate household.

### People who live alone

People who live alone cannot host gatherings. They can continue to see the same one or two people of their core bubble at each other's homes.

### University students

Welcoming your child home from university is okay. This is not a social gathering.

### Allowed activities

These activities are not considered a social gathering:

- Going for a walk. You must make sure a walk does not turn into a group of people meeting outside
  - Parents carpooling kids to and from school
  - Grandparents providing child care
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## **Business on OKIB Lands**

Business can continue to operate as long as they have a COVID safety plan and employee protocols in place. ([Link to COVID safety plan template here](#))

You should only visit a business with people in your household or core bubble

## **Worship Services**

Worship services can continue to operate as long as they have a COVID safety plan in place. These plans include measures like physical distancing, small numbers of seats, cleaning protocols and mask wearing.

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## **Gyms and recreation facilities**

Gyms and recreation facilities that offer individual workouts and personal training sessions can remain open as long as they have a COVID-19 Safety Plan that is strictly followed.

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## **Mask requirements**

Masks are now required for everyone in *all public indoor settings and workplaces*. People who cannot put on or remove a mask on their own are exempt.

- Employers are expected to enforce the mandatory mask policy with both employees and customers
- Schools are not public, open spaces — you cannot go walk into a school. However teachers should continue to wear masks and encourage students to do the same.
- A customer can be refused entry or service if they do not wear a mask

## **Masks at workplaces**

Masks are required in all workplaces for shared work areas and areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained. This includes:

- Elevators
  - Kitchens
  - Hallways
  - Customer counters
  - Break rooms
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## **Travel advisory**

At this time, all non-essential travel should be avoided. This includes travel into and out of B.C. and between regions of the province. For example:

- Do not travel for a vacation
- Do not travel to visit friends or family outside of your household or core bubble

## **What is essential travel?**

Individual circumstances may affect whether a particular trip is considered essential or non-essential. Essential travel within B.C. includes:

- Regular travel for work within your region
- Travel for things like medical appointment and hospital visits

If you need to travel for essential reasons, take the same health and safety precautions you do at home. Travel only with yourself, household or pandemic bubble

## **Enforcement**

During a public health emergency under the Public Health Act, the PHO can make orders as needed. You must follow the orders.

Under the Government's Emergency Program Act, some orders can be enforced by police or other compliance and enforcement officials. People who don't follow these orders could be fined.

**Please follow the link below for a more comprehensive list of Province wide restrictions.**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/restrictions>